Homeless Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Convening

6/27/2013 | noon – 4pm | Tukwila Community Center |

Working with aligned purpose to ensure every youth & young adult has a place to live and thrive.

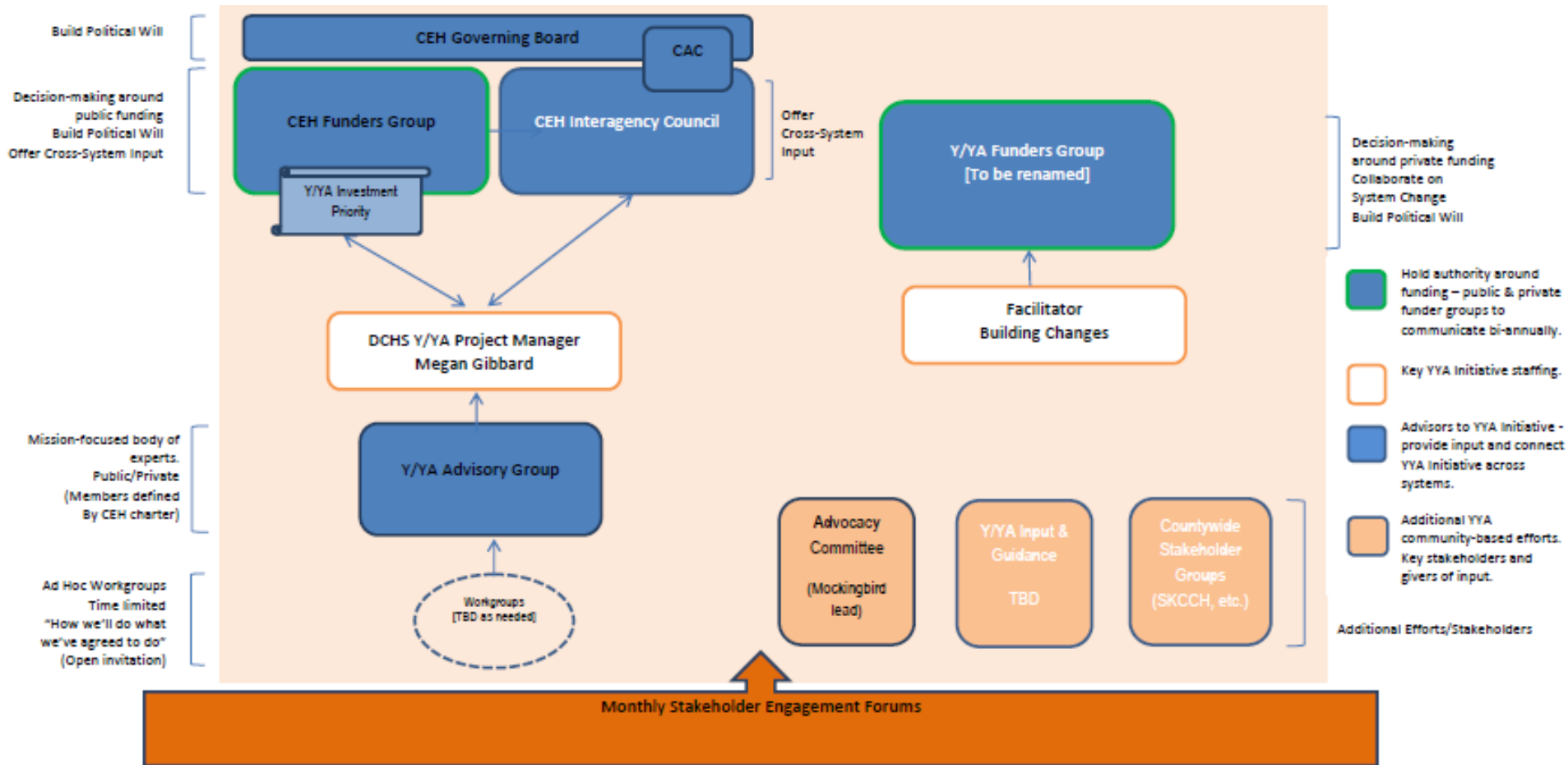# Presentation Objectives

- Review convening goals
- Review the planning process to date
- Frame the purpose and scope of the *Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020*
- Share baseline data, outcome framework & assumptions
- Frame criteria for selecting the priority activities
- Mockingbird Homeless Youth Initiative role

Convening Objectives

- Communicate process to date, who has been involved, path forward

- **Discuss/select/affirm initial priority activities**

- Brainstorm who needs to be <u>at</u> the table & what is needed <u>on</u> the table as we move forward

- Give input to annual plan update process

- Respond to unanswered questions

- Build community commitment

Planning & Engagement

Build Political Will

Decision-making around
public funding
Build Political Will
Offer Cross-System Input

CEH Governing Board

CAC

CEH Funders Group

CEH Interagency Council

Offer
Cross-System
Input

Y/YA Investment Priority

Y/YA Funders Group
[To be renamed]

Decision-making
around private funding
Collaborate on
System Change
Build Political Will

DCHS Y/YA Project Manager
Megan Gibbard

Facilitator
Building Changes

Mission-focused body of
experts.
Public/Private
(Members defined
By CEH charter)

Y/YA Advisory Group

Ad Hoc Workgroups
Time limited
"How we'll do what
we've agreed to do"
(Open invitation)

Workgroups
[TBD as needed]

Advocacy
Committee

(Mockingbird
lead)

Y/YA Input &
Guidance

TBD

Countywide
Stakeholder
Groups

(SKCCH, etc.)

Monthly Stakeholder Engagement Forums

Hold authority around
funding – public & private
funder groups to
communicate bi-annually.

Key YYA Initiative staffing.

Advisors to YYA Initiative -
provide input and connect
YYA Initiative across
systems.

Additional YYA
community-based efforts.
Key stakeholders and
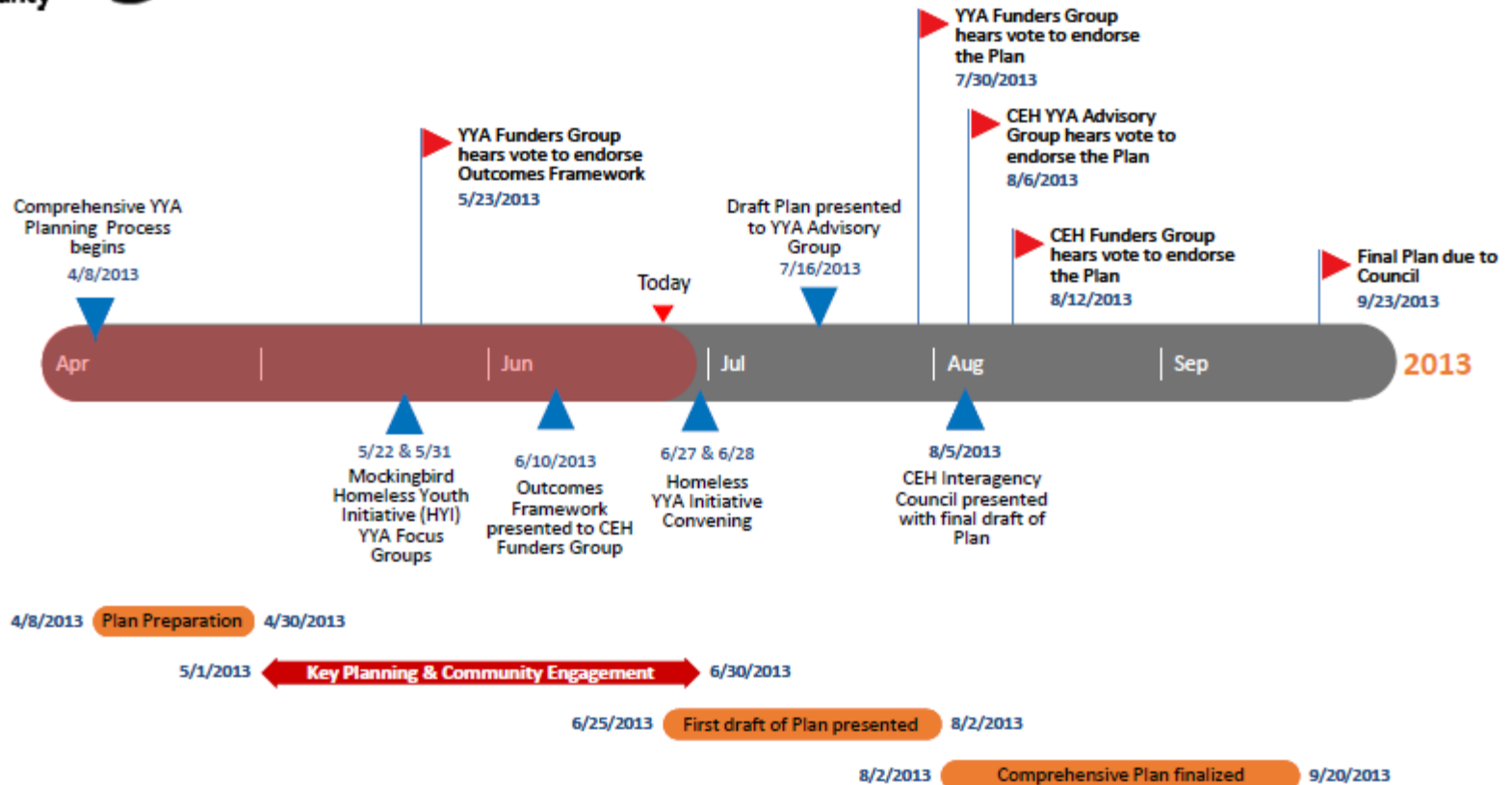givers of input.

Additional Efforts/Stakeholders

Timeline – Progress to date

Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020
Planning Process Timeline & Key Decision Points
As of 6/10/2013

Plan Elements: Summary

Plan Component	Description	Input
Baseline Data	• What do we know now?	2012 Safe Harbors Data 2012 PRO Youth Data
Environment/Landscape Scan	• What housing and services exist for homeless YYA in King County? • What funding is currently being directed to homeless YYA and from what sources? • Where are the gaps in funding and services? • What promising practices exist in ours and other communities?	Past Homeless YYA Plans National research on best practices Input from agencies & funders
Outcome Framework	• Homeless YYA Theory of Change • Alignment with the USICH framework	Puget Sound Runaway Homeless Youth Collaborative Outcome Workgroup
Community Goals & Prioritization	• If we were to have an additional dollar, where is that dollar best directed?	Homeless YYA Convening
Call to Action	• Specific recommendations on housing and service investments for YYA • Summary of the work that remains	Homeless YYA Convening Best/promising practices

Comprehensive YYA Plan

Examples: Success to Date

- Expansion of National Safe Place, Launch of Project SAFE
- UWKC YYA Shelter Funding
- Forthcoming YYA Rental Assistance RFQ
- YYA Priority in the Notice of Funding Availability

- Mockingbird Homeless Youth Initiative Pilot
- Launch of Youth Housing Connection & Community Sign In

- **Addressing YYA Homelessness is a regional priority.**

Priority Activities: Context for Discussion

What we know/think we know/don't know:

- Outcomes framework
- Baseline data
- Homeless YYA typology, resources, gaps

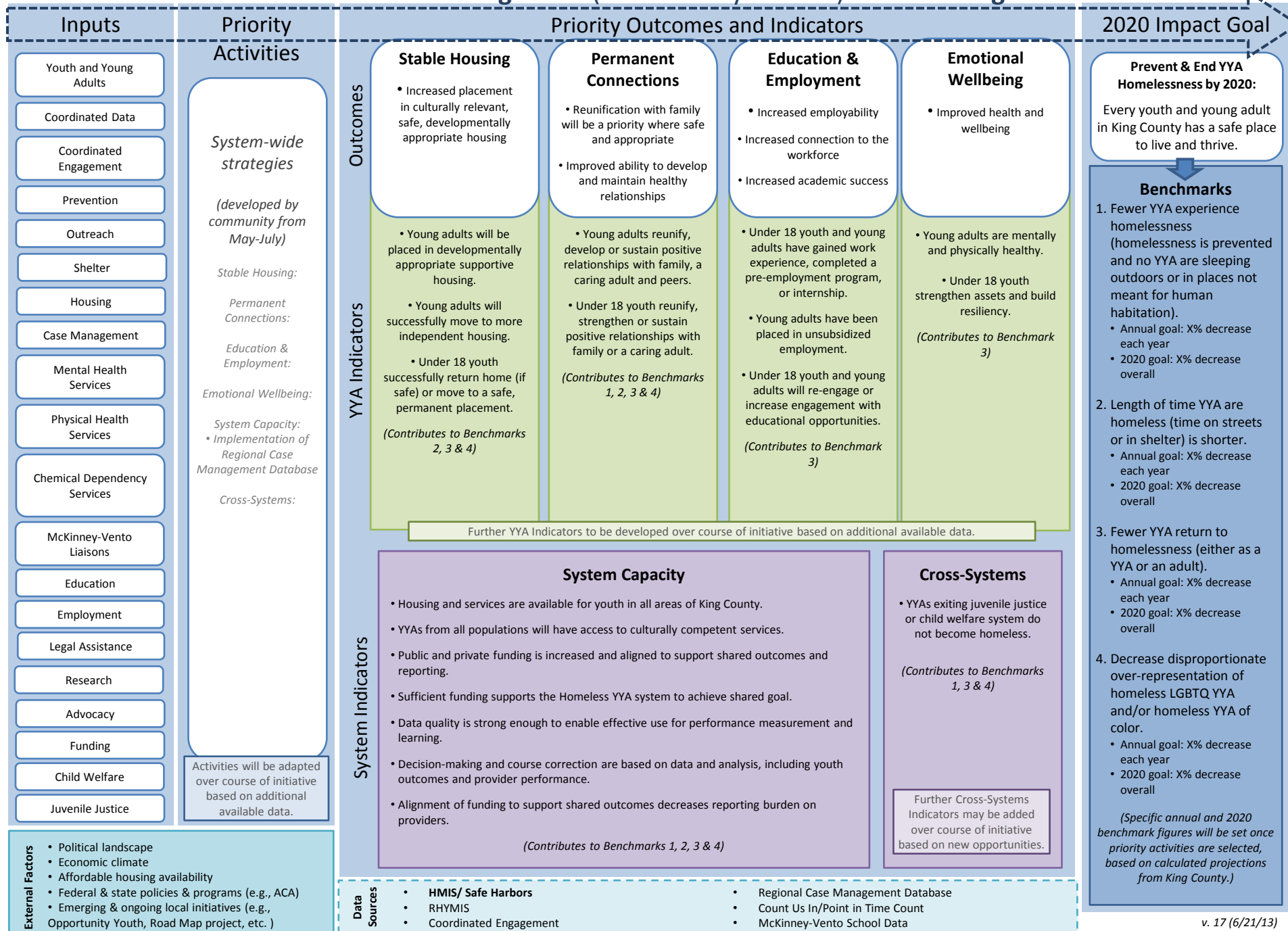## Criteria for decision-making:

- Can it be implemented in the next year?
- Which indicators will it help move?
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Outcomes Framework

Homeless Youth and Young Adult (YYA: 12-25 years old) Initiative Logic Model

Inputs

- Youth and Young Adults
- Coordinated Data
- Coordinated Engagement
- Prevention
- Outreach
- Shelter
- Housing
- Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Physical Health Services
- Chemical Dependency Services
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons
- Education
- Employment
- Legal Assistance
- Research
- Advocacy
- Funding
- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice

External Factors
- Political landscape
- Economic climate
- Affordable housing availability
- Federal & state policies & programs (e.g., ACA)
- Emerging & ongoing local initiatives (e.g., Opportunity Youth, Road Map project, etc.)

Priority Activities

System-wide strategies

(developed by community from May-July)

Stable Housing:

Permanent Connections:

Education & Employment:

Emotional Wellbeing:

System Capacity:
- *Implementation of Regional Case Management Database*

Cross-Systems:

Activities will be adapted over course of initiative based on additional available data.

Priority Outcomes and Indicators

Outcomes

Stable Housing
- Increased placement in culturally relevant, safe, developmentally appropriate housing

Permanent Connections
- Reunification with family will be a priority where safe and appropriate
- Improved ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships

Education & Employment
- Increased employability
- Increased connection to the workforce
- Increased academic success

Emotional Wellbeing
- Improved health and wellbeing

YYA Indicators

Stable Housing
- Young adults will be placed in developmentally appropriate supportive housing.
- Young adults will successfully move to more independent housing.
- Under 18 youth successfully return home (if safe) or move to a safe, permanent placement.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 2, 3 & 4)

Permanent Connections
- Young adults reunify, develop or sustain positive relationships with family, a caring adult and peers.
- Under 18 youth reunify, strengthen or sustain positive relationships with family or a caring adult.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Education & Employment
- Under 18 youth and young adults have gained work experience, completed a pre-employment program, or internship.
- Young adults have been placed in unsubsidized employment.
- Under 18 youth and young adults will re-engage or increase engagement with educational opportunities.

(Contributes to Benchmark 3)

Emotional Wellbeing
- Young adults are mentally and physically healthy.
- Under 18 youth strengthen assets and build resiliency.

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Further YYA Indicators to be developed over course of initiative based on additional available data.

System Indicators

System Capacity
- Housing and services are available for youth in all areas of King County.
- YYAs from all populations will have access to culturally competent services.
- Public and private funding is increased and aligned to support shared outcomes and reporting.
- Sufficient funding supports the Homeless YYA system to achieve shared goal.
- Data quality is strong enough to enable effective use for performance measurement and learning.
- Decision-making and course correction are based on data and analysis, including youth outcomes and provider performance.
- Alignment of funding to support shared outcomes decreases reporting burden on providers.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Cross-Systems
- YYAs exiting juvenile justice or child welfare system do not become homeless.

(Contributes to Benchmarks 1, 3 & 4)

Further Cross-Systems Indicators may be added over course of initiative based on new opportunities.

2020 Impact Goal

Prevent & End YYA Homelessness by 2020:

Every youth and young adult in King County has a safe place to live and thrive.

Benchmarks

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(Specific annual and 2020 benchmark figures will be set once priority activities are selected, based on calculated projections from King County.)

Data Sources
- **HMIS/ Safe Harbors**
- RHYMIS
- Coordinated Engagement
- Regional Case Management Database
- Count Us In/Point in Time Count
- McKinney-Vento School Data

v. 17 (6/21/13)

YYA Initiative Baseline Data

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Most recent available data

1. 2013 Count Us In data: **114** YYA were sleeping outdoors or in place not meant for habitation at the single point in time

2. HMIS data: **TBD** aggregates time YYA spend homeless across program stays – data in process

3. HMIS data: **27%** of young people who exit to permanent housing from a YYA housing program return to homelessness within two years

4. HMIS data: **67%** of YYAs are young people of color; RHYMIS: **14%** are LGBTQ

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1. Stable Housing: **29%** of moves in YYA housing or services programs are to more independent housing; for youth under 18, **28%** of moves are to a safe permanent place

2. Permanent Connections: **10%** of YYA in YYA housing or services programs exit to live permanently with friends or family; for youth under 18, **28%** exit to live permanently with friends and family

3. Education & Employment: **36%** of YYA are employed or in-school when they exit; **78%** of youth exit with satisfactory job skills (PROYouth Data)

4. Emotional Well-Being: **31%** of YYA exiting YYA housing or services programs report that their health is very good or excellent
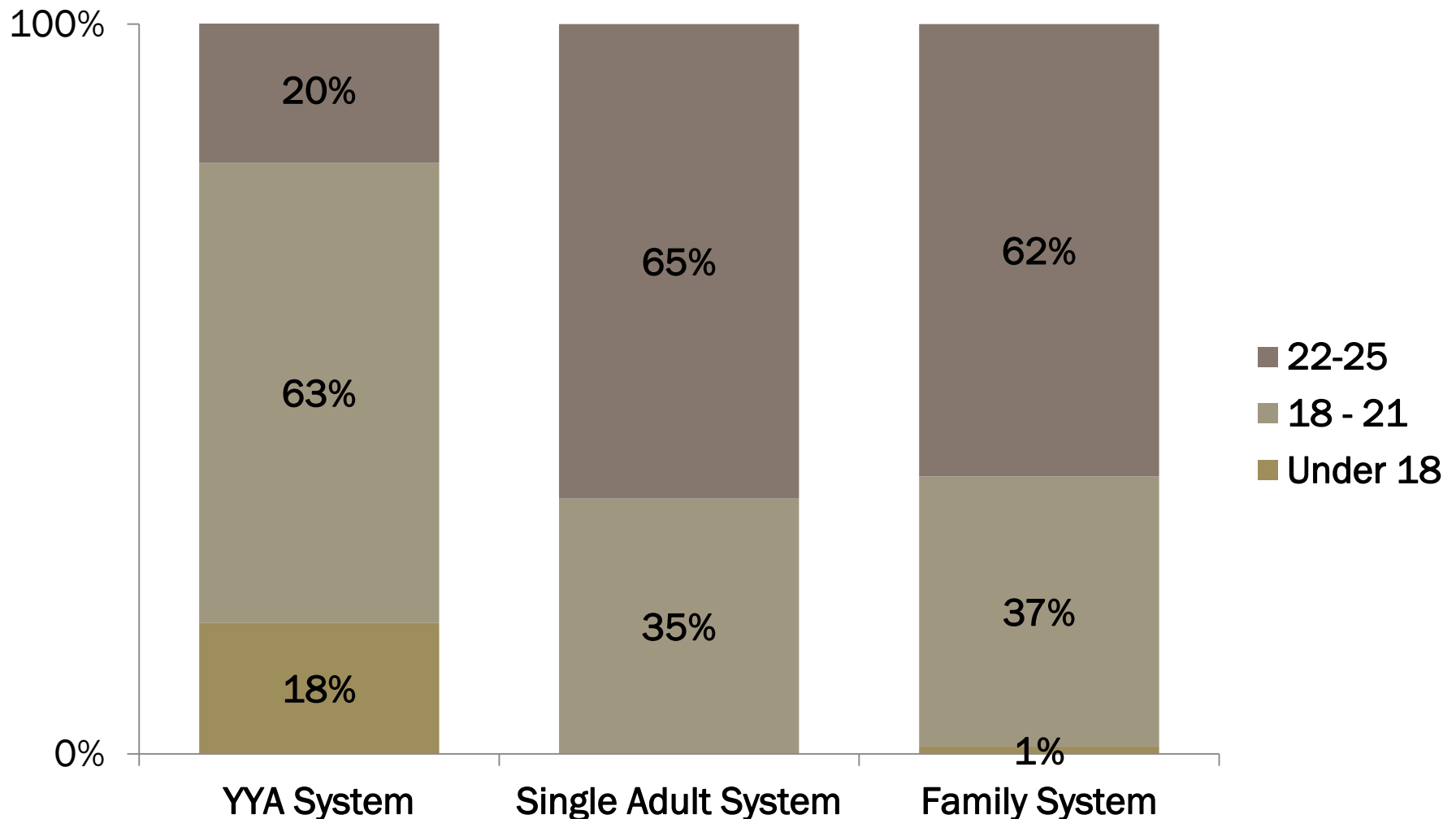
60% of YYAs are in YYA programs

YYA Heads of Household

- YYA System: 2997
- Single Adult System: 1727
- Family System: 505
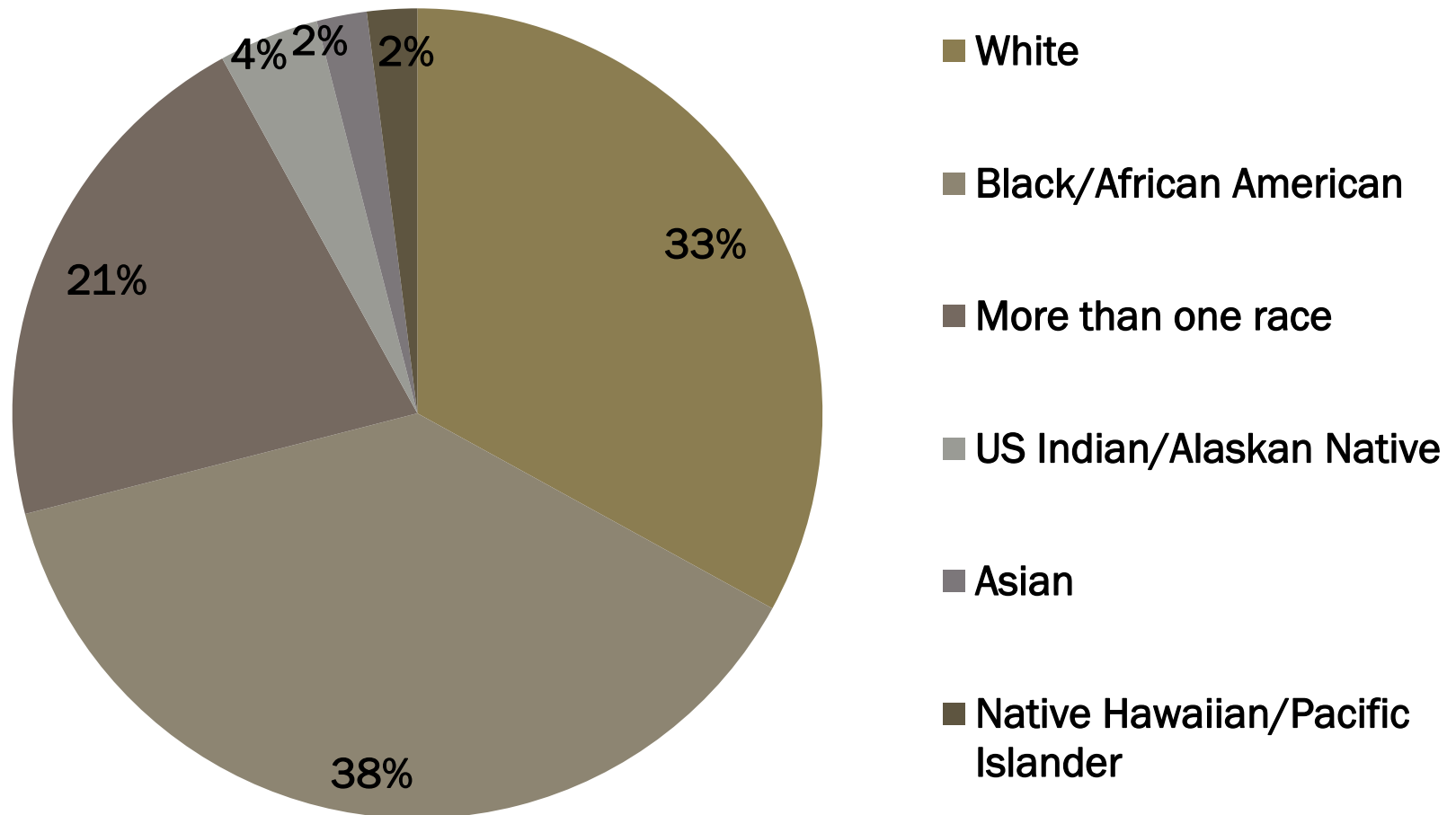
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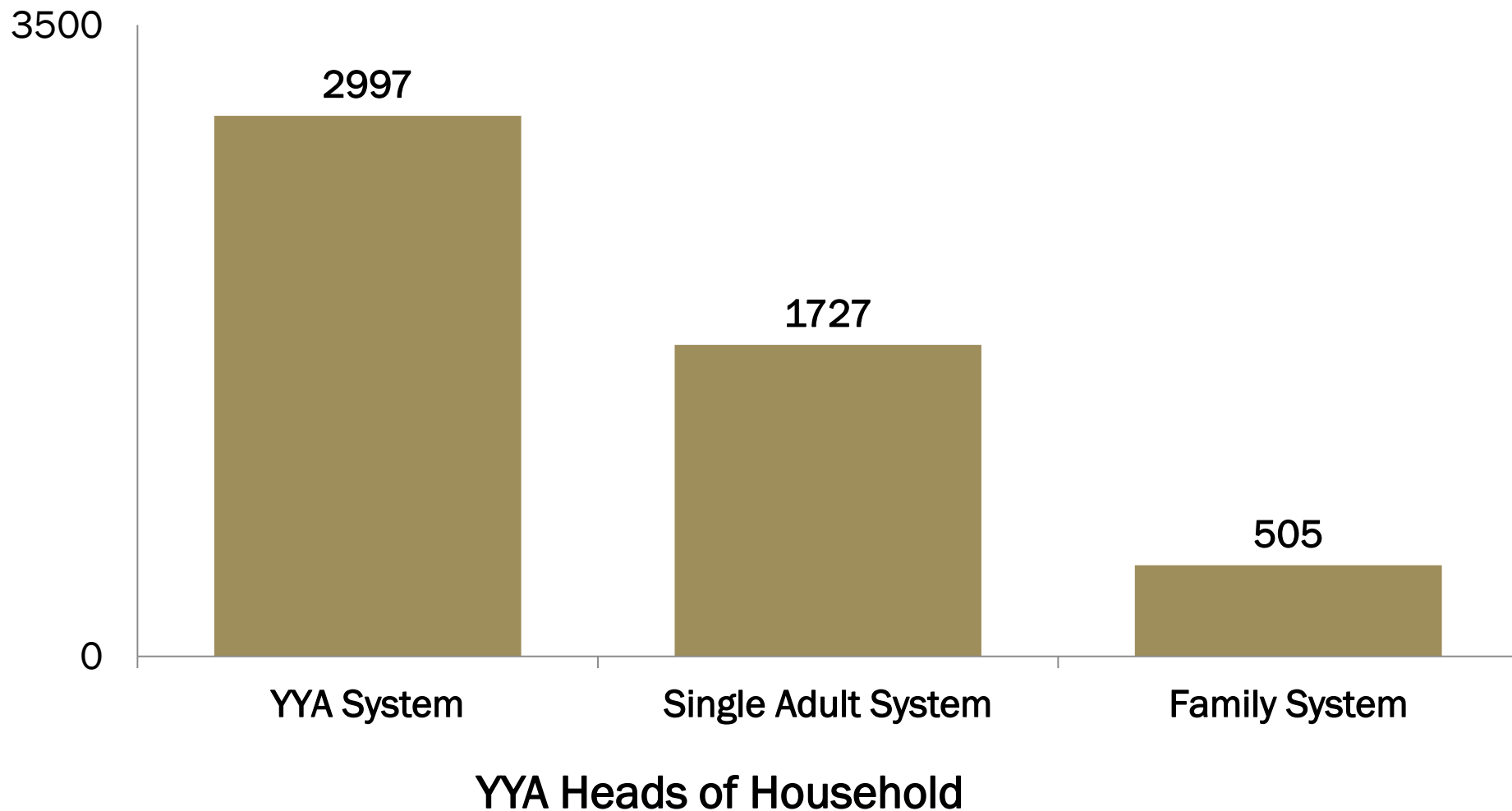
HMIS consent rates are high

- 80% of YYA's in YYA lodging/housing programs consent
- 75% of YYA's in all YYA programs consent

Most YYAs in YYA system are between 18 and 21

Chart showing age distribution across three systems:

- **YYA System:** Under 18: 18%, 18-21: 63%, 22-25: 20%
- **Single Adult System:** 18-21: 35%, 22-25: 65%
- **Family System:** Under 18: 1%, 18-21: 37%, 22-25: 62%

Legend:
- 22-25
- 18 - 21
- Under 18

Two-thirds of YYAs' in YYA system are youth of color

- White — 33%
- Black/African American — 38%
- More than one race — 21%
- US Indian/Alaskan Native — 4%
- Asian — 2%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — 2%

Homeless YYA Typology

Typology Assumption

- **30% Temporarily Disconnected/Short Term (Low Need)**
  - Less risky behaviors and more positive connections, newly homeless or brief episodes of homelessness, able to return home or find stable living in a relatively short period of time.

- **55% Unstably Connected/Episodic (Medium Need)**
  - On the street for a longer time, less connected to their families and mainstream institutions, more involved in risky behaviors, not able to return home and need more intensive housing and services to achieve stability.

- **15% Chronically Disconnected (High Need)**
  - Multiple episodes of homelessness and struggle more with mental health, substance abuse issues.

Priority Activity Recommendations

Priority Activities: Context for Discussion

- Can it be implemented in the next year?
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The Mockingbird Society's Homeless Youth Initiative

- A pilot program created to elevate youth voice and strengthen advocacy efforts around youth homelessness

- Launched in May 2013, based in King County

- Meant to engage, train, and support YYA, ages 13 - 24, to provide their insight, wisdom, and experience in addressing systemic problems and solutions within the homeless youth system at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

- Funded independently of the King County Youth & Young Adult plan

- HYI YYAs in Seattle, East King County, and South King County have been meeting twice a month to discuss sharing their stories in order to effectively advocate for a better homeless youth system.

- Each of today's participants have learned about The Homeless YYA Initiative and prepared their unique input in advance in order to participate in today's discussion